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1. OPENING: THE PURPOSE OF THIS BRIEFING IS TO INFORM YOU OF ARMY'S ROLE IN A SENSITIVE, CLOSE-HOLD DOD PROJECT TO EXAMINE POTENTIAL MILITARY APPLICATIONS OF PSYCHOENERGETICS, A TERM THAT COVERS A NUMBER OF UNEXPLAINED PHENOMENA. FOR NOW, ARMY IS PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN DETERMINING THE REALITY AND EXISTENCE OF THE PHENOMENA. ARMY'S EFFORT IS A SMALL, DISCREET MINIMALLY FUNDED PROGRAM CENTERING ON REPLICATING, IN-HOUSE, CLAIMED EXPERIMENTAL SUCCESSES. BY USING <sup>ARMY</sup> PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS ~~IN THE ARMY~~, CAREFULLY CONTROLLED, SCIENTIFIC TESTS WILL LEND CREDIBILITY TO THE WORK BEING DONE. AS IT IS, SUFFICIENT ANECDOTAL EVIDENCE EXISTS, REPORTED BY ~~CREDIBLE~~ <sup>Respected</sup> PEOPLE IN AND OUT OF DOD, THAT WARRANTS AT LEAST CLOSE SCRUTINY OF THE SITUATION. THREE SUBAREAS OF PSYCHOENERGETICS ARE THE MOST INTERESTING: REMOTE VIEWING, REMOTE PERTURBATION AND REMOTE COMMUNICATIONS. WITH REMOTE VIEWING, AN INDIVIDUAL SOMEHOW PERCEIVES IN HIS MIND'S EYE THINGS, PLACES OR EVENTS DISTANT FROM HIM. WITH REMOTE PERTURBATION, ALSO CALLED PSYCHOKINESIS, AN INDIVIDUAL IS ABLE TO CAUSE AN EFFECT ON SOME PHYSICAL OBJECT DISTANT FROM HIM; AGAIN, BY SOME UNKNOWN PROCESS. FINALLY, REMOTE COMMUNICATIONS, OR TELEPATHY IS SELF DESCRIPTIVE.

ALSO SPURRING THE EFFORT ON IS THE SURE KNOWLEDGE THAT FOR YEARS THE SOVIET UNION HAS HAD AN INTENSE EFFORT, BELIEVED TO BE CONTROLLED BY THE KGB AND MILITARY, TO DEVELOP

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Potential  
CAPABILITIES IN THE FIELD OF PSYCHOENERGETICS. THIS ~~POSSIBLE~~  
THREAT TO US SECURITY MEANS THAT PRIME CONSIDERATION WILL  
BE GIVEN AT ALL TIMES TO POSSIBLE FRIENDLY COUNTERMEASURES.

2. BACKGROUND:

A. MOST OF THE RECENT BELIEVABLE WORK HAS BEEN DONE  
BY TWO LASER PHYSICISTS AT SRI INTERNATIONAL, MENLO PARK.  
THEY ARE DR. HAL PUTHOF AND MR. RUSS TARG. IF THE EXPERI-  
MENTS CONDUCTED AT SRI CAN BE VALIDATED, <sup>by ARMY in-house</sup> THEY MUST BE CONSIDERED  
ASTOUNDING. PRIMARILY, SRI HAS CONCENTRATED ON REMOTE VIEWING, *also*  
~~FORMERLY~~ CALLED CLAIRVOYANCE.

B. BETWEEN 1972 AND 1975, THE CIA WAS INTERESTED IN  
OPERATIONAL APPLICATIONS OF REMOTE VIEWING. TESTS WERE DONE  
WITH SRI, AS WELL AS WITH IN-HOUSE CIA ENGINEERS. TWO EXAMPLES  
WELL DEMONSTRATE THE QUALITY AND INTERESTING CHARACTER OF THE  
WORK:

Viewer  
THE ~~SUBJECT~~ ACTUALLY "ENTERED" THE PLACE, CALLING OUT NAMES OF  
PEOPLE WHO WERE WORKING THERE. ADDITIONALLY, HE "READ" A  
NUMBER OF CLASSIFIED CODEWORDS ON FILE FOLDERS, SOME LOCKED  
INSIDE SECURITY CONTAINERS. THE CIA LATER CONFIRMED WITH NSA  
THE ACCURACY OF MUCH OF THE SUBJECT'S INFORMATION. <sup>Please</sup> NOTE THAT  
THE ~~SUBJECT~~ <sup>Viewer</sup> WAS DOING THIS WHILE LOCATED IN CALIFORNIA, SEVERAL  
THOUSAND MILES FROM THE TARGET.

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D. REGARDING REMOTE PERTURBATION, OF NOTE IS A 1972 TEST AT SRI, IN WHICH A PROVEN SUBJECT WAS ASKED TO REMOTELY DESCRIBE A MAGNETOMETER SOME DISTANCE AWAY IN A STANFORD UNIVERSITY LABORATORY. THE MAGNETOMETER, A VERY SENSITIVE MEASURING DEVICE, WAS COMPLETELY SHIELDED FROM KNOWN OUTSIDE SIGNALS BY A YARD OF CONCRETE. AS THE SESSION TOOK PLACE, SCIENTISTS OBSERVING ~~THE~~ RECORDING INSTRUMENTS ATTACHED TO THE MAGNETOMETER WERE ASTOUNDED WHEN TOTALLY ABNORMAL READINGS OCCURRED, LASTING MINUTES AT A TIME. THESE ABERRANT SIGNAL VARIATIONS HAD NEVER BEFORE BEEN SEEN OR RECORDED, NOR HAVE THEY HAPPENED SINCE.

E. IN SUMMER 1978, THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SPONSORED A ~~DEMONSTRATION~~ *Geographic coordinates session* OF REMOTE VIEWING, IN WHICH FOUR TARGETS WERE TO BE SEQUENTIALLY OBSERVED BY ~~UNKNOWN~~ SRI *All these data was controlled by S&T.* SUBJECT. DATA FROM THREE OF THE TESTS WAS OF LOW CORRELATION TO ACTUAL TARGETS. ONE, HOWEVER, WAS IMPRESSIVE. THE SUBJECT DESCRIBED A STRATEGIC MISSILE COMPLEX EAST OF MOSCOW, TO THE POINT OF ~~PASSING~~ *ENTERING* INTO A SILO. BOTH THE COMMAND AND CONTROL ROOM, AND LINKING TUNNEL WERE PORTRAYED BY THE SUBJECT.

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DETAILS SUCH AS THE TUNNEL FLOORS BEING COVERED WITH "WHITE  
TILES" [REDACTED]

3. DISCUSSION:

A. GIVEN THE ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ GROWING BODY OF SUPPORTIVE EVIDENCE, IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE PHENOMENA COULD NOT SIMPLY BE IGNORED. ARMY CHOSE TO PROCEED WITH A SMALL ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ <sup>IN-HOUSE</sup> ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ <sup>ATTEMPTING REPLICATION OF</sup> PROGRAM ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ REPLICATE IN-HOUSE SOME OF THE SRI WORK. THE IDEA <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ TO ATTEMPT VALIDATION OF THE CLAIMED SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENTS, AND TO VERIFY TO SOME REASONABLE DEGREE THE EXISTENCE OF A PHENOMENA.

B. WORK <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ TO BE ACCOMPLISHED STRICTLY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE EMERGING DOD GRILL FLAME PROGRAM, AND ~~was~~ <sup>is</sup> INTERNALLY DIVIDED BETWEEN THREE ARMY ORGANIZATIONS:

(1) THE ARMY MATERIEL SYSTEMS ANALYSIS ACTIVITY, OR AMSAA FOR SHORT, WAS GIVEN THE MISSION OF ACTING AS THE REMOTE VIEWING "FREE LANCE." THAT IS, AMSAA WOULD TRY OUT NEW REMOTE VIEWING TECHNIQUES.

(2) THE MISSILE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMMAND, MIRADCOM FOR SHORT, HAS BEEN THE LEAD FOR A SMALL PILOT PROGRAM TO TEST FOR THE EXISTENCE OF THE REMOTE PERTURBATION PHENOMENA. WORKING WITH SRI, MIRADCOM WILL UTILIZE A SMALL ON-HAND MINIPROCESSOR TO DETERMINE IF AN INDIVIDUAL CAN IN FACT AFFECT RANDOMNESS. FROM A SCIENCE, ENGINEERING STANDPOINT

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THIS APPROACH IS BELIEVED TO BE GOOD SINCE THE RESULTS WILL BE BOTH QUANTIFIABLE AND MEASUREABLE.

(3) THE ARMY INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY COMMAND, INSCOM, HAS THE MISSION OF REMOTE VIEWING APPLICATIONS. WORKING WITH A SELECT CADRE OF REMOTE VIEWERS, INSCOM WILL ATTEMPT TO VERIFY BY APPLICATION, WHAT IS LEARNED FROM OTHER AGENCIES' MORE-OR-LESS RESEARCH EFFORTS.

(4) RECOGNIZING THAT THE EFFORT TO DATE HAS NOT BEEN SCIENTIFICALLY VALIDATED, ARMY FEELS COMPELLED TO INSURE THAT ALL REASONABLE STEPS ARE TAKEN TO MAKE ITS PROJECT AS CREDIBLE AS POSSIBLE. FIRST, ALL WORK WILL BE DONE WITHIN THE STRICT LIMITS SET BY WRITTEN PROTOCOLS <sup>which</sup> ~~that~~ HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE SURGEON GENERAL'S AD HOC GRILL FLAME PANEL. THIS PANEL HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN COMPLETE ACCORD WITH FEDERAL LAW AND ARMY REGULATIONS GOVERNING HUMAN USE TESTING. LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT HAVE BEEN REVIEWED BY THE ARMY AND DOD GENERAL COUNSELS. NEITHER POSED ANY OBJECTION TO THE WORK AND PROVIDED GUIDANCE PERTAINING TO THE AFOREMENTIONED SURGEON GENERAL'S PANEL. FINALLY, A SMALL TEAM OF THE MOST COMPETENT SCIENTISTS, ENGINEERS AND MEDICAL SPECIALISTS POSSIBLE HAS BEEN FORMED INTO A SMALL TEAM THAT WILL REVIEW, ON-THE-SPOT, WORK BEING DONE. THE TEAM WILL ALSO INSURE THAT EACH AGENCY IS FOLLOWING ITS WRITTEN, APPROVED PROTOCOL. THE TEAM CHIEF WILL PROVIDE COLLECTIVE OPINIONS ON THE SCIENTIFIC MERIT AND VALIDITY OF THE WORK.

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4. OTHER AGENCIES: FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS THE US AIR FORCE, FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION, WRIGHT PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, HAS SUPPORTED SRI'S WORK, MAINLY ATTEMPTING TO REPLICATE KNOWN OR CLAIMED SOVIET EXPERIMENTS. NAVY WAS INVOLVED FOR SEVERAL YEARS, BUT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE DROPPED OUT AROUND 1975. CIA HAD A SMALL, BUT SIGNIFICANT PROGRAM FROM 1972 TO 1975, BUT ACCORDING TO SEVERAL OF THEIR PERSONNEL GAVE UP THE EFFORT

OUT OF FEAR OF ADVERSE PUBLICITY. *THE AGENCY MAY BE RE-ENTERING THE ARENA IN THE NEAR FUTURE.*

*RESOURCES* 5. In August 1977, MIRADCOM LET A SMALL EIGHTY-THOUSAND DOLLAR CONTRACT WITH SRI TO SEE IF ANY OF THE SOVIET CLAIMS OF MAN-MACHINE INTERFACE COULD BE VERIFIED OR DUPLICATED. MIRADCOM NOW HAS FOUR-HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AVAILABLE FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR, BUT WILL PROBABLY ONLY SPEND SEVENTY-FIVE TO ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND ON ITS INITIAL REMOTE PERTUBATION PROGRAM. INSCOM HAS A SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR CONTRACT WITH SRI TO TRAIN A LIMITED NUMBER OF INSCOM *Personnel* ~~SUBJECTS~~ IN REMOTE VIEWING TECHNIQUES. IT IS HOPED THAT BY THE END OF THE YEAR INSCOM CAN CONDUCT A REASONABLE PROGRESS REVIEW. AMSAA HAS FUNDED A TOTAL OF TWO-HUNDRED AND THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS THIS FISCAL YEAR TO CARRY OUT TACTICALLY-ORIENTED SRI EXPERIMENTS. TOTAL NUMBER OF FULL TIME ARMY PERSONNEL INVOLVED ACROSS THE BOARD IS FOUR; PART TIME APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN.

6. NOTHING FACTUAL IS KNOWN OF THE PHENOMENA'S PROCESS THOUGH SOME SUBJECTIVE COMMENTS CAN BE MADE: DISTANCE HAS NO EFFECT

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ON IT; THERE IS NO KNOWN SHIELDING OR COUNTERMEASURE; MANY PEOPLE HAVE THE ABILITY NOT JUST A FEW AS WAS PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT. THE ONLY THING THAT CAN BE EVEN SUBJECTIVELY SAID ABOUT THE PERSON DOING "IT" IS THAT HE IS ABOVE AVERAGE INTELLIGENCE.

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8. IN CONCLUSION, THERE IS SUFFICIENT JUSTIFICATION TO PURSUE THE MATTER, AT LEAST TO THE POINT OF TRYING TO CONFIRM OR DENY THE PHENOMENA'S EXISTENCE. GIVEN THE AMOUNT OF ANECDOTAL EVIDENCE AVAILABLE TO US WE WOULD BE FOOLHARDY TO IGNORE EVEN THE REMOTEST POSSIBILITY OF AN ENEMY THREAT TO OUR SECURITY. IF DURING THE EVALUATION PROCESS THE ARMY ALSO ACQUIRES A NEW TECHNIQUE OF INFORMATION ACQUISITION, SO MUCH THE BETTER.

## → 7. OUTSIDE INTEREST/SUPPORT:

A. ARMY'S work is fully supported and ENCOURAGED by Congressman Charles ROSE (NC). He, and MOST OF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE PERMANENT Select Committee on Intelligence, have been briefed by SRI and DIA on work in progress.

B. NSC has taken an interest in The Matter and ARE THOUGHT to be positive on the Subject. TWO OF THE MORE INVOLVED NSC MEMBERS HAVE PREPARED an A comprehensive briefing of their own.